

Heaven

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"In my Father's house are many dwelling places... I go to prepare a place for

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Our Services

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 am
Worship: 10:20 am
Evening: 5:00 pm

Wednesday

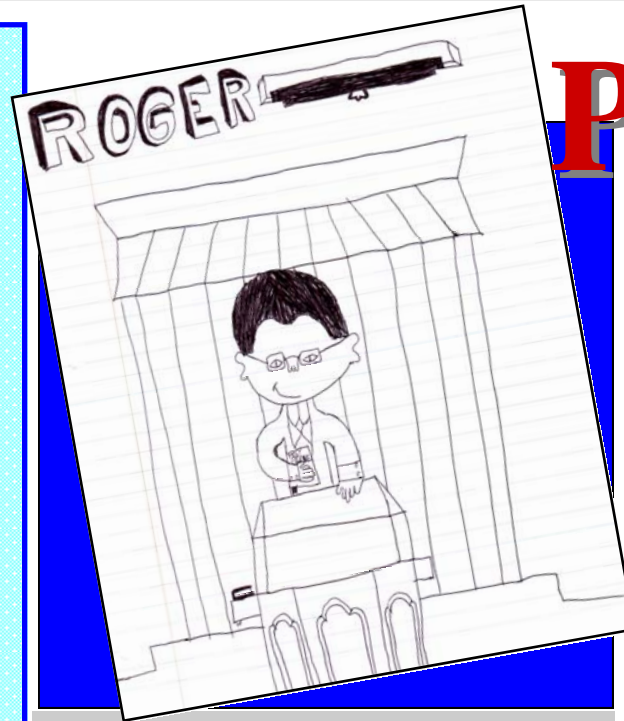
Bible Study 7:00 pm

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*Drawn by 10 yr old Spencer during one of my
gospel meetings.*

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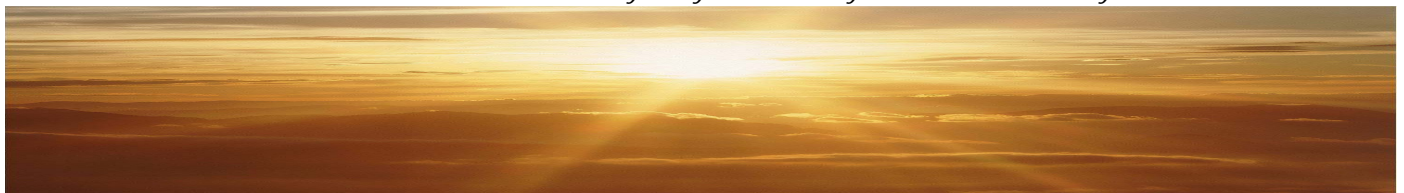
Kids are great! They are so honest that sometimes it hurts. I love when kids draw pictures of me preaching. I save every one of them. It gives me an insight to how children see me. I'm glad they don't draw horns coming out of my head or mean looking.

How do people see you? The Hollywood scene spends too much attention on labels, hairstyles and things that do not matter. Many have caught that spirit and are more concerned about externals than internals. Too many are more interested in what car they drive rather than what drives their heart. Peter reminded women what was important when he wrote, *"And let not your adornment be merely external-- braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God"* (1 Pet 3:3-4).

How others see us is not always the way we "think" people see us. Do others see you as someone who is too busy to be bothered? Do your children see you that way? Do they see you as one who flies off the handle quickly? We all want to be known as kind, generous, helpful and faithful. But is that the perception people have of you? The image people draw of you is based upon what they see. If you go around with a frown on your face all the time, that is the perception that people will have of you. It is interesting the image people had of our Lord. The multitudes brought the sick to Him because they perceived that He would heal them. Others shouted out questions and interrupted Him. They came to Him because they knew He cared.

How God sees us is most important. We need to be the child that trusts our Father. We need to be the disciple that follows our Lord. We need to be appreciative and thankful for the grace God has given us. Does God see you as knotted up with worries and preoccupied with the things of this world? Does He see you wanting to rush through services? Does He see you drifting in your faith and knowledge or does He see you growing closer to Him?

Try this: have your children (grandchildren) or even your mate, draw a picture of you. How do they see you? How do you want them to see you?



Why the Fourth Finger?

There is a beautiful and convincing explanation given by the Chinese as to why wedding rings are worn on the fourth finger. Each finger represents a relationship:

- ↻ Thumb: your parents
- ↻ Second (index) finger: your siblings
- ↻ Middle finger: yourself
- ↻ Fourth (ring) finger: your life partner
- ↻ Last (little) finger: your children



First, open your hands (palm to palm), bend the middle fingers, and hold them together—back to back. Second, open and hold the remaining three fingers and the thumb—tip to tip.

Now, try to separate your thumbs (representing the parents). They will open—because your parents are not destined to live with you lifelong, and have to leave you sooner or later.

Join your thumbs as before and separate your index fingers (representing siblings). They will also open, because your brothers and sisters will have their own families and will lead their own separate lives.

Now join the index fingers and separate your little fingers (representing your children). They will open too, because the children will get married and settle down on their own some day.

Finally, join your little fingers, and try to separate your ring fingers (representing husband and wife). You will be surprised to see that you cannot, because husband and wife have to remain together all their lives—through thick and thin.

Inseparable—that is God's intention of marriage!



Family Connections

News for You

- Ladies class Thursday @ 10:30 am (building)
- Many of our **college students** have returned to school. Remember them in your prayers. Drop them a note.
- Announcement for ladies on the bulletin board

For your Prayers:

- **Gene Whipple** continues to improve. He is in Southern Indiana Rehab.
- **Jeanie Wilder** is home recovering from her recent surgery
- **Nora Mann** is now with **Loren** at Bennett House
- Continue to remember **Kevin Lee, Dauphus Crase, Rich Mullins** in your prayers.

Group 4 meets this evening in room B 2



What Good is Preaching?

Some would have us believe that Bible preaching doesn't work anymore. The cry of many is that the modern world needs a modern message. People haven't changed much. Problems are the same. Sin is still sin. So what good is preaching?

Preaching Christ can save you.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation...(Rom 1:16)

Preaching Christ will help you over come Satan

In addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil one (Eph 6:16)

Preaching Christ will challenge you to do what God wants

Go and do thou likewise (Lk 10:37)

Preaching Christ will give you the confidence and assurance of what is right

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life (1 Jn 5:13)